

Floor Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman
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Madam Speaker, last week, members of the Safe Climate Caucus challenged the Republicans who are on the Energy and Commerce Committee to come to the Floor and debate with us and talk about the problems of climate change. We wrote them a letter; we haven't even gotten a reply. There seems to be a conspiracy of silence in the House of Representatives about the dangers of climate change, and it's time for a real debate on the House floor.

Every day, members of the Safe Climate Caucus have come to this Floor to give speeches on topics relating to climate change, including the importance of preparing communities to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events, the potential for clean energy technologies, and the threats of rising temperatures across the country.

In contrast, we are not aware of any Republican member who has spoken on the House floor about the dangers of climate change, and the Committee of jurisdiction is not even willing to hold a hearing to hear what the scientists and experts have to say about the issue.

I have a message to House Republicans: you can't make climate change go away by ignoring the problem.